

Information Bulletin



Agriculture Street Landfill Voluntary Soil Removal Project April 12, 1999

WORK TO BEGIN AT THE COMMUNITY CENTER

As a follow-up to the Temporary Restraining Order that was granted to the City of New Orleans on March 8, 1999, against EPA, IT Corporation, and the Housing Authority of New Orleans (HANO), U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Louisiana dismissed the case of City of New Orleans v. Carol Browner, et al., Civil Action No. 99-075, Section E/3 (E.D. La.), on March 31, 1999. The case against the HANO was dismissed without prejudice. With the Court's decision, EPA can now implement the soil removal activities at the Shirley Jefferson Community Center beginning on Monday, April 12, 1999. The activities that will take place during the project at the Community Center are:

- Property Preparation
- Parking Lot/Sidewalk Removal
- Soil Removal
- Landscaping and Yard Restoration
- Parking Lot/Sidewalk Replacement
- Arch Climber Replacement
- Final Detailing

Temporary fencing will be installed around the property. The parking lot and sidewalks will be removed from the Community Center. Concrete and soil removal will be done with heavy equipment and should be completed within 3 to 4 weeks. A variety of equipment, including small excavators, backhoes, loaders, and dump trucks will be used to remove soils at the Community Center. The excavated soils will be loaded onto trucks for transport to an off-site, approved waste disposal facility. Trucks with the excavated soil will be covered as an added precaution. A

geotextile fabric will be placed in excavated areas and then filled with clean soil.

After completing the placement of clean soils, grass sod will be planted, and the arch climber will be installed.

As we further define our schedule, we will communicate specific dates and activities.

Traffic Control: Traffic safety is a top priority. We will take the highest precautions to ensure that our trucks and other vehicles operate safely in the Agriculture Street neighborhood.

EPA will provide traffic safety guards around work areas during the times that children are going to and from school in order to assure an extra measure of protection for the children.

EPA will continue to maintain the highest levels of health and safety standards to protect the residents and workers in the neighborhood.

FOR MORE INFORMATION...

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The Administrative Record has recently been updated with additional documents and is maintained in EPA's Community Outreach Office.

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